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PRAUSNITZ, et al.

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For Extraction And  
Sensing of Bodily Fluids

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Box RCE  
Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the final Office Action mailed March 8, 2002, in the above-identified patent application, please amend the application as follows.

This Amendment and Response is being submitted with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and the \$370.00 small entity fee therefor, to fulfill the submission requirements under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114. The RCE Transmittal includes a request under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a suspension of action on the application for a period of three months, and the required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) of \$130.00.